

House Resolution 120 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

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1 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to
2 establish an interim study committee to study
3 renewable energy use in state buildings and
4 facilities.

5 WHEREAS, Iowa has an abundant amount of wind, solar,
6 biofuel, and other renewable energy resources; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2016, Iowa ranked second among the
8 states in net electricity generation from wind
9 and third in net electricity generation from all
10 nonhydroelectric renewable energy resources; and

11 WHEREAS, wind generation provided 36.6 percent of
12 Iowa's total electricity generation in 2016, a larger
13 share than in any other state; and

14 WHEREAS, Iowa is a leader in renewable energy,
15 ranking among the top 10 states in the nation when it
16 comes to investing in renewable energy, according to a
17 recent nationwide report; and

18 WHEREAS, Iowa law encourages the deployment of
19 renewable energy and facilitates the implementation of
20 energy management improvements, including by allowing
21 the use of renewable energy, in state buildings and
22 facilities; and

23 WHEREAS, Iowa should capitalize on its abundant
24 renewable energy resources to implement the use of
25 renewable energy in state buildings and facilities,
26 saving the state energy costs and advancing its

1 commitment to renewable energy; NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
3 the House of Representatives requests the legislative
4 council to authorize and establish an interim study
5 committee, composed of members of the Senate and the
6 House of Representatives, to commence meeting during
7 the 2018 Legislative Interim. The purpose of the
8 interim study committee is to develop a strategic
9 plan regarding the feasibility, timeline, and costs
10 of implementing or expanding renewable energy usage
11 in state buildings and facilities. The strategic
12 plan shall give precedence to the implementation or
13 expansion of renewable energy usage in state buildings
14 and facilities with the highest annual energy usage,
15 as identified by the Department of Administrative
16 Services. The interim study committee shall, if
17 appropriate, make recommendations to the General
18 Assembly related to the strategic plan before January
19 1, 2019.